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IDEA OF RECORDER DAVIS

Court of Ref Experts Refuses to Hear Story of Rundas of Third Nebraska.

UNIFORM NOT ENOUGH IDENTIFICATION

This Being a Particular Point with the Presiding Officer of the Court the Soldier Witness is Rejected as Incompetent.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The beef court of inquiry went up to its work with a half day's session today, having exhausted its list of witnesses now on hand. There may be some witnesses at the Monday session, but the court will start for Chicago early next week, probably on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Just before the close of the session today a volunteer witness presented himself, but was not accepted. He wore an army uniform and said his name was Frank Rundas, late of the Third Nebraska, Bryan's regiment, and that he had recently been honorably discharged from the service and was on his way home. His story was, in brief, that he had served in the company kitchen with his command in Jacksonville, and that during a long period when the men were living on refrigerated beef there was so much intestinal trouble among the men that the issue of this meat was stopped. At another time he got hold of some refrigerator meat in the kitchen that was of such a peculiar color that the attention of the company officers was called to it. The surgeon in charge examined it, so Rundas alleged, and remarked that the meat was "all right, but had been prepared to send to Porto Rico, and since it had been issued the men had as well use it."

Doesn't Want Rundas. The meat was cooked, but all the men who ate it were made sick. The inference drawn was that this was some of the same Porto Rico beef that Dr. Riley had analyzed and alleged to be chemically treated. Rundas said he was on his way home, but had stopped off in Washington to offer this information to the court of inquiry if it thought it worth hearing. He presented himself to Colonel Davis, the recorder of the court, but was told that he would not be wanted as a witness.

On being asked soon afterward whether Rundas was to be called, or why he had been rejected, Colonel Davis said: "I know nothing about the man. He has on a uniform, but there is no proof that he is a soldier or has served. There are all sorts of cranks and impostors who come up here and want to testify. As to this man, if he can identify himself, and the court directs me to call him, I will call him. Colonel General Mills will inquire into the antecedents of this witness, and, if he appears to be what he represents, he will be called."

Colonel Gallagher, who was recalled, in

"Things Ill Gotten Are Ill Spent."

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Rheumatism.—A few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla entirely cured my sufferings from rheumatism. Later on it stopped dyspepsia from which I suffered intensely. I can eat anything now. Wm. A. Beckley, 344 Sumner St., East Boston, Mass.

Scrofula.—When three months old our baby boy was covered with itching and burning scrofula sores. The best physicians failed to relieve. Hood's Sarsaparilla saved his life as it saved mine. Mrs. M. M. Fisher, 1015 N. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

Stomach Trouble.—Two years suffering with stomach trouble made me weak, run down, with severe headaches. Life was a burden to me until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured me. It makes my children strong and healthy. Mrs. M. S. Saxe, 211 21st St., N. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

Indigestion.—I now have a good appetite, eat well, sleep well, my dyspepsia and indigestion have left me. The doctor has said I am cured. I am a baggage master on the B. & O. Railroad. THOMAS COLES, 119 Carr St., Sandusky, Ohio.

Blood Purifier.—At 12 I had bone disease and rheumatism. Doctor prescribed and wanted to scrape it. My grandfather gave me Hood's Sarsaparilla. After taking four bottles I threw away crutches, am well and go to school. CHARLES CAMPBELL, 1816 Ontario Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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HOME FILES HIS ANSWER

Superintendent of Reform School Sets Forth His Defenses.

DENIES GOVERNOR'S RIGHT TO REMOVE HIM

Claims That He Can Be Put Out of Office Only by "Local Incompetence" at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, March 4.—(Special.)—Superintendent of the Kearney Reform school has filed his answer in the case in which he denied the right of Governor Sprague to take charge of the institution. Hoxie claims that his own appointment was made without limitation, that he can be removed only "for cause," that he has a letter from the governor dated January 18 of the present year confirming him in the position; that the appointment of Sprague was made while the senate was in session and was not confirmed by that body; and, finally, that the law purported to have been passed by the legislature in 1887 putting the appointing power in the hands of the governor really never passed, and that the removal of Hoxie is in violation of the statute books by the clerks of the reform session. The evidence is clear that the bill referred to did not pass, and that in reality the appointing power never was taken out of the hands of the state board. If the case should be won in these courts, Hoxie could be held on until removed for cause by the state board.

A half interest in the Richards property at the corner of Eleventh and O streets has been purchased by Joel N. Cornish of Omaha, the consideration being \$14,000. This is the location where the Richards block was destroyed by fire last April. The location is considered the best in the city and work is to begin immediately on a five-story office building with store rooms on the first floor.

Frank McMillan, a roomer in the Ledwith block, was found dead in his room this morning. He had been suffering with the grip for several days, but was not known to be seriously ill. The dead body was found against the door on the inside of the block. McMillan was little known here. He was a relative of Salem, Ill.

Charles Tracy, ex-captain, is in jail on the charge of having made a vicious assault on a woman named Maggie Mitchell. He was living with the woman and tried to make her give him some money. On her refusal he attacked her with a knife. The Mitchell woman left town for Omaha, but has promised to come back and prosecute Tracy.

FEES OF AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Experts' Report Substantiates the Showing Made by the Bee During the Campaign.

LINCOLN, March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—J. A. Althoff, the expert who has been going over the fee books in the auditor's office for the legislative committee, has completed his report, and will file it Monday. It will completely substantiate the showing made in The Bee during the campaign that the auditor withheld several thousand dollars of state money from the public. The report also goes into detail as to the matter of fees reported by the insurance examiners.

John Simpson, the nephew of the auditor, who has absented himself every time he has wanted as a witness, has again been ordered by the capital city grand jury. The committee will make another attempt to get him on the witness stand next week.

HISOK IS FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Jury Decides that He is Not Implicated in Murder of Sellers.

TEKAMAH, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—After deliberation for several hours the jury in the trial of Calvin Hisok for the murder of Fred Sellers returned a verdict of not guilty. The jury stood eight for acquittal and four for manslaughter until a 11 o'clock recess was determined upon at 11 o'clock this morning.

Flags for the First.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The battle flags of the First regiment have been brought very well used up at Manilla, the old flags of the regiment that were used during the Indian war of eight years ago were packed up today to be sent to the regiment. The poles and banners are being sent by express to San Francisco, where the government will take them in charge and deliver them to the regiment.

Hastings Presbytery Meets.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the Hastings presbytery held in the First Presbyterian church this week, Rev. Roger Edgar was made moderator and Rev. Alvin M. Hendee of Hansen clerk. The special object for which the meeting was called was to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Crawford and the congregation at Aurora. This was promptly done and Elder G. W. Curry was made moderator of the session at Aurora.

News from Blair.

BLAIR, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—District court has been in session for the last week with Judge Pawcett on the bench. The most important suit was in regard to accretion of land on the river. Blair is in much need of an acre and it is generally agreed by all that there will be no trouble in getting a good location.

Bold Thief Seizes Failure.

PLATTSBOROUGH, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—James Hodget drove in from Eight Mile Grove Friday afternoon and tied his team on Main street, where it was stolen by a stranger who met him on the way. Hodget was soon out of sight. Hodget went to theivery barn and securing a horse and a revolver was soon in hot pursuit. A short distance from the city he found the rig, but the thief made his escape.

Anxious Regarding Injured Soldiers.

GENEVA, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—Relatives and friends of the two injured soldiers at Manilla, Sergeant Earle Camp and Private John Sargent, are anxiously looking for an answer to their catalog inquiring of their welfare.

Removal of Vinegar Factory.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—A. B. Smith & Son of the Hastings vinegar refinery and factory have just made it known that they have decided to remove the vinegar works to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where the plant, however, will remain here.

Adams County Mortgage Record.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The mortgage record for February is as follows: Farm mortgages filed, 25; amount, \$41,612.39; city mortgages released, 22; amount, \$6,453.21; city mortgages released, 21; amount, \$17,747.58; city mortgages filed, 155; amount, \$2,155,251; chattel mortgages released, 114; amount, \$29,731.00.

RUSTLERS TAKE A RESPIRE

Legislators and Political Workers Go Home for a Brief Rest.

SENATORIAL SITUATION BECOMES QUIET

Men Close to Thompson Assert that He Has Withdrawn in Earnest—Senators Allen and Thurston Expected.

LINCOLN, March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The senatorial situation today is in statu quo. The reason is that nearly all legislators and workers have deserted the city for over Sunday, and the headquarters of the different candidates have been temporarily closed. Following the events of yesterday and last night from the standpoint of today, it is apparent that the opposition to Hayward is just as firmly united as it was before Thompson withdrew, the force being purposely scattered among the candidates last night with the plan of finally combining them on some candidate whose exact identity is not yet disclosed. The story that Mr. Thompson and his backers are at a disagreement as to who is to be supported is not generally believed. Just as little belief is put in the story that Mr. Thompson's withdrawal is for the time only and that he will reappear in the lists after the forces have become scattered. Men who are close to Thompson, and who sought to know, believe that he has withdrawn in earnest, and while he may continue to wield an influence over his supporters, he will not allow them to vote for him further.

Some little talk has been occasioned by the reported withdrawal of Senator Thurston and Allen would be here the first of the week. Opinion is divided as to the possible effect their personal influence would have on the already complicated situation. Those who have expressed themselves, however, profess to believe that Senator Thurston will not care to take a hand in the fight, but will pursue the policy of leaving the election to his colleagues to the free choice of his party as represented through the men it elected to the legislature.

RESISTS THE LEGISLATURE

Governor Barnes of Oklahoma Resists to Answer Questions.

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 4.—The legislative investigation committee today subpoenaed Governor Barnes to come before it to testify. He did not appear nor answer the subpoena. He stood on the grounds and refused to be taken to the legislature, which makes him co-ordinate with the legislature, and says all communications shall be by message. He takes the position that the legislature can no more subpoena him than he can it; that he is not subject to legislative subpoena. The legislative committee was appointed to investigate charges of maladministration in the state government. The state auditor was recently arrested for refusal to testify.

COWBOYS SETTLE A GRUDGE

John Barley and Thomas Palmer Engage in Informal Duel and Both Are Dead.

DALLAS, Tex., March 4.—An old grudge between cowboys was settled with pistols yesterday at Childress, in Texas Panhandle. John Bailey and Thomas Palmer were the principals in an informal duel, and both are dead. The men met in a saloon and, after passing a few words, opened fire.

DEATH RECORD.

Chief of Creek Indians. MUSKOGEE, I. T., March 4.—It is reported here that Ispahcheer, principal chief of the Creek Indians, is dead at Okmulgee, capital of the Creek nation. The rumor cannot be verified. Okmulgee is quarantined on account of smallpox, which is epidemic there. Ispahcheer is a full-blooded Creek Indian and for four years has been the principal chief of his people. Ever since he became a leader among the Creeks, Ispahcheer has fought all legislation tending to change the tribal conditions in the territory and only recently he was practically forced into giving his consent to the negotiation of the treaty between his people and the federal government. The sterling honesty and the indomitable will of the aged chief made him much respected, both among Indians and whites.

Patrol of Monona County.

ONAWA, Ia., March 4.—(Special.)—Larken Packwood, aged 93 years, died at his home in Lake township yesterday. Mr. Packwood was the oldest man in Monona county, and had lived in Lake township for over forty years. He has lived in Iowa since 1842 and had never taken medicine of any kind until ten years ago, but since that time he has fallen rapidly. Mr. Packwood was married in 1829, and his aged wife survives him.

Mrs. Margaret Stiltz.

BLAIR, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—The death of Mrs. Margaret Stiltz occurred last Wednesday night at the home of over a year. Mrs. Stiltz came to Calhoun in 1855 and has lived in this county ever since. Mrs. Stiltz was highly respected and her loss is deeply mourned.

Well Known Tourist Agent.

LONDON, March 4.—J. M. Cook, the head of the great tourist agency, is dead. He never recovered from the illness which he contracted while conducting the recent tour of Emperor William of Germany in Palestine.

Barrister of Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Daniel L. Shoery, one of the distinguished members of the Chicago bar and for many years a leader in popular educational movements in this city, died today.

Martin Butler.

ATLANTIC, Ia., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Martin Butler, recently engaged in the newspaper business at Hampton, Ia., died here this evening of consumption.

Ex-Congressman Sings.

MCKENZIEVILLE, O., March 4.—Hon. W. P. Sprague, ex-congressman, is dead from blood-poisoning.

FIRE RECORD.

Large Clothing Manufactory. ALLIANCE, O., March 4.—Fire last night destroyed the large buildings occupied by the Alliance company, manufacturers of clothing. Loss, \$90,000; insurance, \$42,500. The fire started from electrical apparatus in the basement. Two hundred and twenty-two operatives are thrown out of employment.

Loss to West Virginia University. CINCINNATI, March 4.—A special to the Enquirer from Morgantown, W. Va., says: Fire was started by an explosion in mechanical hall, of the West Virginia university, and burned the building to the ground. Loss, \$52,000, including Prof. Aldrich's personal loss of \$2,000.

Grave Digger is Discharged. KANSAS CITY, March 4.—The case against Dr. H. C. Hyde, a dean in the Kansas City Homeopathic Medical college, charging him with desecrating the grave of Michael Kelly last fall, was dismissed by the state today. Charles Perry, the state's attorney, has discontinued the case.

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CADETSHIP FOR DEIGNAN

Young Boy Who Sailed with Hobson on the Merrimack is Re-membered.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The president this afternoon appointed the cadets at the naval academy who were provided for in special enactment. In each case he named an alternate to step into the place in case of the failure of the principal. The names are as follows: Osborne Deignan, one of the Merrimack crew.

E. C. Gridley, son of the late Captain Gridley of the Olympia, with D. N. Lebreton, grandson of Commodore McDougall, as alternate.

I. C. Bagley, brother of the late Ensign Bagley, the first American naval officer killed in the war, with H. C. Beckwith, son of Engineer Beckwith, as alternate.

Gustave Dushee, grandson of the late Admiral Worden, with R. G. Gatewood as alternate.

Alexander Thacker, grandson of the late General Thacker, with F. V. McNair, son of Admiral McNair, as alternate.

Nixon W. Elmer, son of the late Captain Elmer, with Percival C. Warton as alternate.

The last named was appointed on the recommendation of ex-Secretary of War Wood. He was the youngest of appointing also a cadet from the District of Columbia, the president named R. R. Wallace, son of Commodore Wallace, with Rufus Saxton Thompson, grandson of the late General Saxton, as alternate.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY HOUSE.

Passes 1,636 Bills and Resolutions During Its Three Sessions. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The house of representatives of the present congress has passed 1,636 bills and resolutions, against 1,226 by the Fifty-fourth, 951 by the Fifty-third and 892 by the Fifty-second congress, respectively. The work of the house for its three sessions appears as a new and valuable feature of the house calendar. This covers a recapitulation of the entire work and an appendix of over fifty pages giving the status of ever bill that has been reported to the house by the Fifty-second congress. Under the title "Army" forty-two distinct measures are given. It presents at a glance full information on all the bills which have been passed. The appendix, index, etc., were prepared by Tally Clerk Wakefield of the house staff.

DIMINISHES GLORY OF SHAFER.

President is Denied Authority to Make Him Major General.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—It was the purpose of the president, had congress listened favorably to his request to appoint four additional major generals, to have General Fitzhugh Lee, Wheeler, Wilson and Wood.

It was a bitter disappointment to the War department that the request of the president for authority to appoint one additional major general regularly should have been refused. It was the purpose to name four that honor General Shafter in order that he might retire with the laurels he has won. The general must be retired by law on the 14th of the present month and must go out with only a volunteer commission. It is the purpose to give him at least this.

PAY FOR ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY.

His Full Allowance Will Be \$14,500 Per Year.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—In the last hours of congress it was provided that the admiral of the navy should receive the pay and emoluments of the last general of the army. This legislation was supplemental to the passage of the bill. Its effect is to give Admiral Dewey compensation at the rate of \$14,500 a year. The admiral's pay is 909 in the regulating pay of an admiral of the navy. The extra \$1,500 is the allowance made to the general of the army of \$125 per month for quarters.

Admiral Dewey holds the highest rank in the military service of the United States, army or navy, and ranks with the highest officers in the principal foreign navies.

Final Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The senate has confirmed the nomination of Walter Evans to be district judge in Kentucky, also that of W. H. Merriam to be director of the census, and George M. Stewart, to be postmaster at Seattle, Wash.

The senate also confirmed the marine corps nominations made today.

The president has signed all the appropriation bills, with the exception of the District of Columbia. His signature was also affixed to the omnibus claims bill.

Death Report from Brooks.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—General Brooks has called the War department the following death report: March 2, Santa Clara, Private Benjamin H. Davis, Company E, First Michigan, died of pneumonia, following dengue fever; First Lieutenant James Wood, assistant surgeon, Two Hundred and Twenty-second New York, died at 3 p. m. today; March 3—in military hospital No. 2, Havana, Two hundred operatives are thrown out of employment.

Otis Boys Hit Thanks.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Secretary Alger today received the following telegram from Major General Otis at Manila, in appreciation of the secretary's congratulations sent him yesterday on his confirmation as a brevet major general: "Sincerely thanks for recognition and congratulations."

Approved by the President.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The president has approved the following bills: The several appropriation bills, omnibus claims, Washington Library, providing a code of criminal laws for Alaska, authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Tennessee river at or near Sheffield, authorizing the

Port Smith & Western Railroad company to construct a rail through the Choctaw and Creek nations in the Indian territory, ratifying an agreement with the lower Brule and Rosebud Indians in South Dakota.

LIST OF FIVE MAJOR GENERALS.

Limitations of Army Bill Make Close

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The list of five officers who are likely to be retained in the grade of major general of volunteers is: General Otis, in command at Manila; General Lawton, about to arrive at that place and take charge of the active military operations; General Shafter, in command of the Department of California; General Fitzhugh Lee, and probably General Wilson, in Cuba.

Agent at San Carlos Agency.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—W. J. Nicholson, captain of the Seventh cavalry, has been detailed as acting Indian agent at the San Carlos agency, Ariz., replacing Captain Henry P. Ritzkus, Twenty-fifth infantry.

Barrows is Not Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The nomination of Representative Barrows of Massachusetts to be librarian of congress failed of confirmation, both Massachusetts senators opposing him.

OVER RIPARIAN RIGHTS

Missouri and Nebraska Boundary Line is Cause of a Continued Contest.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Atchison county, Missouri, and Nebraska county, Nebraska, have been quarreling for thirty years over the possession of a tract of land known as McCleskey's Island that came into existence in 1827 through a break of the Missouri river. This island now on the Missouri side of the river, but Nebraska still claims it. The land that was never overflowed belongs to Nebraska according to the laws governing riparian rights, but who controls the old river is the question. The old riverbed covers the largest part of the country and is counted as the best of farm lands. Both counties have fought over the taxes on this land and both have had trouble with criminals who hide there. To settle these problems, Representative Barrows introduced a bill to appropriate \$5,000 to pay the expenses of a suit in the federal courts to settle the boundary line question for all time. Missouri had a similar dispute with Iowa several years ago and lost it in the federal courts.

KIPLING IS ON THE IMPROVE

Passes a Quiet Night—One of His Children Recovering and the Other's Condition Unchanged.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Mr. Kipling passed a comfortable night, sleeping much of the time and seeming to benefit by it. Elsie Kipling, the poet's 3-year-old daughter, also improved during the night, but Mrs. DeForest, underwent no change during the night.

HYMENEAL.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 4.—(Special.)—John Reifschneider and Miss Emma Siegelman of Scribner were united in marriage in this city on Saturday by Rev. W. Tonat. Mr. Reifschneider is the Elkhorn section foreman at Scribner.

WILL KEEP IT.

Healthy Enough to Eat or Drink What He Likes. While I have an excellent constitution and think nothing easily affects me, I propose to keep it as possible.

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I enclose a list of friends who are regular users of the Postum Food Coffee.

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